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SUBJECT:DETENTIONS IN ESPIONAGE CASE

REF: STATE 127851

1. SUBSEQUENT TO VASEV'S MEETING WITH LUERS, SOVIET
EMBASSY COUNSELOR VYACHESLAV STEPANOV PHONED DEPARTMENT
17:50 P.M. AND READ IN ENGLISH FOLLOWING ORAL PROTEST
AND DEMAND FOR RELEASE OF CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER:

2. QUOTE REFERRING TO THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT MADE TODAY
BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS TO MINISTER COUNSELOR
VASEV ABOUT SOVIET CITIZENS CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER, THE
EMBASSY OF THE USSR DECLARES A STRONG PROTEST AGAINST
THE ARREST OF THESE TWO PERSONS BY THE AMERICAN
AUTHORITIES. MR. ENGER AND MR. CHERNYAYEV ARE DIPLOMATS
OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK.
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THEY ARRIVED IN THE U.S. WITH SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS
ON THE BASIS OF MULTIPLE ENTRY DIPLOMATIC VISAS ISSUED
TO THEM BY THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN MOSCOW.
THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR DEMANDS THE URGENT RELEASE OF
MR. ENGER AND MR. CHERNYAYEV AS PERSONS WITH DIPLOMATIC
IMMUNITY. END QUOTE.

3. STEPANOV MADE NO COMMENT BEYOND READING THE STATEMENT.

4. ZINYAKIN WAS RELEASED 1810. VANCE

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